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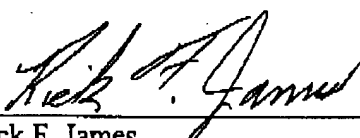
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the requirement to make an election, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-15, product claims drawn to a multilayer polymer film structure, classified in class 428, subclass 411.1+, with traverse. Applicants respectfully contend that the Restriction Requirement is improper on the basis that a search of all of the inventions in the application would not be unduly burdensome to the Examiner. Applicants particularly plead that a search directed to the invention of Group II in addition to Group I would not be burdensome to the Examiner, and, for that reason, the restriction of the invention of Group II is improper.

Applicants request that non-elected Group II Claims 16-23, drawn to a method of making a multilayer polymer film structure, be withdrawn from consideration until at least one of the elected Group I claims is found allowable. As provided in MPEP Chapter 821.04, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to rejoin non-elected process claims in Group II, Claims 16-23, drawn to a method of making a multilayer polymer film structure, classified in class 427, subclass 244.11+.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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